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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON BRANDT SPEECH

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SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN RELEASED STATEMENT NOVEMBER 14 IN WHICH HE PARTIALLY DISTANCED HIS PARTY AND DANISH GOVERNMENT FROM SOME VIEWS CONTAINED IN BRANDT'S SPEECH TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. DANISH GOVERNMENT, IN STATEMENTS RELEASED TO PRESS NOVEMBER 13 AND 14 BY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IVAR NORGAARD AND PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN, SHOWED ITSELF ONLY PARTIALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT. REAFFIRMING DENMARK'S "GO SLOW" ATTITUDE TOWARD POLITICAL INTEGRATION WITHIN THE EC AND ITS OPPOSITION TO AN EC DEFENSE ROLE, NORGAARD COMMENTED THAT BRANDT'S SPEECH HAD BEEN "WISHFUL THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE".

2. IN MORE DETAILED STATEMENT RELEASED NOVEMBER 14 PRIMIN JORGENSEN SAID BRANDT'S SPEECH CONSISTED BASICALLY OF TWO PARTS, A PRACTICAL SECTION SUMMARIZED IN SIX POINTS IN CONCLUSION OF SPEECH AND MORE GENERAL SECTION IN WHICH BRANDT EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL, LONG-RANGE HOPES FOR EC DEVELOPMENT. JORGENSEN DECLARED THAT COOPERATION ALONG LINES BRANDT'S SIX POINTS CORRESPONDED CLOSELY TO OFFICIAL DANISH POLICY AND TO VIEWS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS WELL AS TO THE OBJECTIVES HE HAD MENTIONED IN INVITATION TO EC SUMMIT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN DECEMBER 14-15.

3. RE SECOND PORTION OF BRANDT'S SPEECH, JORGENSEN SAID HE AGREED "THAT THE NATIONAL STATE COULD NOT ALONE SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE" AND THAT JOINT ACTION WITHIN THE EC WAS NEEDED. HOWEVER, IT WAS PRECISELY TO POINT OUT THAT JOINT ACTION IS THE BASIS OF EC COOPERATION THAT DANES DESCRIBE THE EC AS A "UNION", HE SAID, ADDING THAT "A STRENGTHENING OF EC INSTITUTIONS SHOULD NOT BE AN AIM IN ITSELF. THIS SHOULD ONLY COME ABOUT GRADUALLY AS THE NEED ARSIES".

4. JORGENSEN TOOK STAND IN CLEAR OPPOSITION TO BRANDT'S PROPOSAL FOR EVENTUAL EC MILITARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COOPERATION, CONCLUDING THAT "DEFENSE POLICY SHOULD, AS IN THE PAST, BE SOLVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE."

5. COMMENT: JORGENSEN'S REACTION WAS TO BE ANTICIPATED IN VIEW OF CURRENT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN DENMARK AND GENERAL DISTASTE HERE FOR IDEA OF CONTROL BY EUROCRATS IN BRUSSELS. ANTI-EC SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY

(SF) HOPES TO CAPTURE LEFT-WING OF JORGENSEN'S SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY BY CHARACTERIZING EC AS THREAT TO
DANISH POLITICAL AUTONOMY. POSSIBLE CREATION OF A
EUROPEAN ARMY IS AN ESPECIALLY SORE POINT AND SF LEADERS
HAVE PUBLICLY CALLED BRANDT SPEECH AN "UNEXPECTED GIFT".
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